

details are as under :

	Name of Project	Expenditure incurred till date (Rs. in Crs.)	Target for completion	Progress	Allocation during 8th Plan (Rs. in Crs.)
1.	Talcher-Sambalpur BG rail line	Rs. 223.63	31.3.98	77%	Rs. 201.75
2.	Daitari (Tomka)-Keonjhar-Bansapani new BG line	Rs. 99.89	31.12.99	21%	Rs. 111.98
3.	Kurda Rd.-Bolangir new BG line	Rs. 2.59	Final Location Survey nearing completion and land acquisition being taken up.		Rs. 3.53
4.	Langigarh Road-Junagarh	Rs. 6.00	Land acquisition is in progress		Rs. 10.48
5.	Haridaspur-Paradip	Rs. 0.05	Final Location Survey has been taken up		Rs. 3.00

(d) The fund allocation for the Ninth Plan have not been decided.

#### **Doubling of Shoranur-Mangalore Line**

1044. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the present position of doubling of Shoranur-Mangalore line;

(b) the total expenditure incurred thereon so far; and

(c) the time by which the above work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The work is going on full stream. The first 04 critical block section would be completed by June'97.

(b) Rs. 2.5 cr. has been spent upto 31.03.96 and Rs. 37.01 cr. has been provided in 1996-97 budget.

(c) The present target for this work is March'99.

#### **International Flights from Hyderabad Airport**

1045. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have started some new International flights from Hyderabad airport;

(b) if so, the details of the countries to whom these flights have been started;

(c) whether the Government propose to connect Hyderabad through air traffic to some more countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Air India have introduced a once

weekly service to Jeddah from Hyderabad from October, 1996. Indian Airlines have introduced a twice weekly service to Sharjah and Muscat and a thrice weekly service to Kuwait from Hyderabad during the year 1996-97.

(c) to (e) Further augmentation of International flight from Hyderabad would depend upon the growth in traffic which is constantly being monitored by the airlines.

[Translation]

#### **Construction of Airport**

1046. SHRI PADAMSEN CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of airport in Shrawasthi, the Buddhist place of pilgrimage in district Bahraich of Uttar Pradesh has been completed; and

(b) if so, the date from which it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) The Government of Uttar Pradesh has completed the construction work at Shrawasthi airport and the airport is in operation.

[English]

#### **Claims of Compensation**

1047. SHRI V. PRADEEP DEV :  
SHRI NIHAL CHAND CHAUHAN :  
SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set up a cell to render legal assistance to the next of kin of victims of